



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
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November 24, 2020**

<b>Directors Present – Video Conference</b>	<b>District Staff Present – Video Conference</b>	<b>Absent</b>
President Leticia De Lara Vice-President/Secretary Karen Borja Treasurer Mark Matthews Director Carole Rogers Director Evett PerezGil Director Les Zendle, MD Director Arthur Shorr	Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, CEO Chris Christensen, CAO Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Will Dean, Marketing and Communications Director Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Outreach Director Eric Taylor, Accounting Manager Meghan Kane, Programs and Research Analyst Vanessa Smith, Special Projects and Program Manager Erica Huskey, Administrative and Programs Assistant Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board  <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	

<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>A. Call to Order</b>  <b>Roll Call</b>	President De Lara called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.  The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors' present.	
<b>B. Approval of Agenda</b>	President De Lara asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	<b>#18-68 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews seconded by Director Zendle to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</b>
<b>C. Public Comment</b>	ded all of the CARES Act funding, is now moving to CCBG funds, and doing	



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	<p>their best to move forward with the resident’s needs, especially legal concerns with landlords and housing with 2,000 applications currently under review. Lift to Rise regranted funding to support farmworkers that test positive for COVID and, concerning permanent housing matters, Fiona Ma, State Treasurer, penned an op-ed about their efforts for a regional fund.</p> <p>Gary Rotto, Consultant, Borrego Health, extended thanks to Director Matthews for his dedication and service to the community and the many endeavors he provided his expertise and insights. Thank you for advancing community health throughout the region.</p>	
<p><b>D. Consent Agenda</b></p> <p><b>1. BOARD MINUTES</b></p> <p>    <b>a. Special Meeting of the Board of Directors – October 20, 2020</b></p> <p>    <b>b. Board of Directors Meeting – October 27, 2020</b></p> <p><b>2. FINANCIALS</b></p> <p>    <b>a. Approval of the October 2020 Financial Statements – F&amp;A Approved November 10, 2020</b></p>	<p>President De Lara asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p>	<p><b>#18-69 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews seconded by Director PerezGil to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</b></p>
<p><b>E. Desert Healthcare Foundation CEO Report</b></p>		



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<p><b>1. Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative: COVID-19 Community Support, Outreach, Education, and Testing</b></p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, provided an update on the collaborative and the November 8 site visit of the farmworker’s fields with public health and the Coachella Valley Association of Growers facilitating the tour. As a result of the visit, the Desert Sun published an article. This week’s event at the Tudor Ranch for testing with Congressman Ruiz, Assemblymember Garcia, and Supervisor Perez will have additional media attention.</p>	
<p><b>2. AB 617 South Coast Air Quality Management District Community Steering Committee – Update</b></p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the recent developments of AB 617 South Coast Air Quality Management.</p> <p>Vice-President Borja requested the removal of tribal land use and jurisdiction programs from the communications plan with improved terminology.</p>	
<p><b>3. CONCUR, Inc. Environmental Health in the Eastern Coachella Valley – Emergency Response Communication Plan Update</b></p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, explained the draft white paper that will be shared, including a meeting in February with community-based organizations from the AB 617 Steering Committee, the Torres Martinez Tribe,</p>	



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<p><b>4. Consideration to approve a \$75,000 grant and grant agreement from Lift to Rise to address the needs of the black communities in the Coachella Valley</b></p>	<p>and federal and state agencies.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the grant from Lift to Rise for the contribution to the District's efforts in addressing the needs of the black communities in the Desert Highland Gateway Estates neighborhood for the Board's consideration of approval.</p>	<p><b>#18-70 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews seconded by Director Shorr to approve a \$75,000 grant and grant agreement from Lift to Rise to address the needs of the black communities in the Coachella Valley.</b></p> <p><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr</b></p> <p><b>NOES – 0</b></p> <p><b>ABSENT – 0</b></p>
<p><b>F.1. Program Committee</b></p> <p><b>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2020</b></p> <p><b>2. Grant Payment Schedule</b></p> <p><b>3. Update – Advancing the District's Role in Addressing the Healthcare Needs of Black Communities in the Coachella Valley</b></p> <p><b>a. Request for Proposals (RFP) – Proposals Received from the November 2, 2020 Due Date – Access to Healthcare Strategies - \$575,000 (\$400,000 DHCD Contribution - \$100,000 Inland Empire Health Plan</b></p>	<p>Director PerezGil provided an overview of the November meeting minutes and the grant payment schedule.</p> <p>Director PerezGil explained that two proposals were received for addressing the healthcare needs of black communities in the Coachella Valley, staff will present to the Program Committee the next steps and the community is engaged with reviewing the proposals.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the proposal for expanding racial diversity in the health profession workforce, which will be</p>	



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<p><b>(IEHP) - \$75,000 Lift to Rise)</b></p> <p><b>b. Expanding Racial Diversity in the Health Profession Workforce – \$100,000 OneFuture Coachella Valley Black and African American Healthcare Student Scholarships Contribution and Support)</b></p> <p><b>F.2. F&amp;A Committee</b></p> <p><b>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2020</b></p> <p><b>2. Director Shorr’s Temporary Chair Appointment to the Finance, Legal, Administration &amp; Real Estate Committee</b></p>	<p>discussed at the upcoming Program Committee.</p> <p>.</p> <p>President De Lara provided an overview of the November meeting in the absence of Director Matthews, and as explained in the District meeting, Director Shorr will temporarily chair the F&amp;A Committee until the election of officials is selected.</p>	
<p><b>G. Homelessness Initiative</b></p> <p><b>1. Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) – Homelessness Committee Update, Greg Rodriguez Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Office of Supervisor Perez</b></p>	<p>Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Officer of Supervisor Perez, provided an in-depth overview of project room key to prevent people experiencing homelessness from acquiring COVID. Funding ends Dec 31 due to the CARES Act constraints, and efforts are</p>	



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	<p>in the works to place people in permanent housing. A 90-day transition plan is effective for CV Housing First to address some deficiencies from Path of Life operations.</p> <p>Collaborative approaches on a regional basis are the approach to support the movement in the county structure highlighting the work in the Valley over the last 3-4 years, notwithstanding the District in the last 2-3 years with resources and matching funds.</p> <p>Director Rogers thanked Mr. Rodriguez for his work and the work of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG).</p> <p>President De Lara extended her appreciation to Supervisor Perez.</p>	
<p><b>H. Behavioral Health Initiative</b></p> <p><b>1. Supervisor Perez’s Green Ribbon Committee – November 18, 2020 Summary, Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Office of Supervisor Perez</b></p>	<p>Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Officer of Supervisor Perez, provided an overview of the Green Ribbon Committee and the key components, such as Dr. Chang, Director of Behavioral Health, and the county structure development on levels of</p>	



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	<p>service and treatment, and COVID and the use of telepsychiatry and levels of revenue.</p> <p>Roy's is open and welcoming to the clientele helping to bridge the gaps and is fully operational.</p> <p>Acadia Behavioral Health is building the 80-bed facility in Indio, broke ground, and should be operational in a year.</p> <p>Dr. McGuire, Chair of Psychiatry and Neuroscience, UCR, discussed the lack of providers, and working on developing a psychiatric residency program with the next steps to increase the providers is a key component.</p> <p>President De Lara thanked Mr. Rodriguez and Supervisor Perez for their interest in Behavioral Health and their leadership.</p>	
<p><b>H. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>President De Lara adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m. in recognition of Director Matthews 23-year tenure.</p>	<p><b>Audio recording available on the website at <a href="https://www.dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents">https://www.dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</a></b></p>

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Karen Borja, Vice-President/Secretary  
Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board*